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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## **Waterfowl season opens Sept. 16 in Southeast Alaska**

(Juneau) – Hunters are reminded of waterfowl regulations which change the timing of season opening and closure dates on an alternating yearly schedule. This year, the season will begin on September 16 in Game Management Units 1 through 4.

Each year, the season opening date will change, depending on whether it is an odd year or an even year. Season duration will remain constant at 108 days. These changes, made effective by the Board of Game, went into effect on July 1, 2019 in Region 1 after hunters requested additional opportunities to harvest waterfowl in the region.

Most waterfowl are migratory, moving southward as the seasons change from fall to winter. In odd years, hunters in northern Southeast Alaska will have more opportunity to harvest certain species like green-winged teal, while in even years southern Southeast will have opportunities to harvest sea duck species. This leg-up, so to speak, on opportunity shifts every other year.

Hunters preparing to hunt the Mendenhall Wetlands in Juneau need to remember that the first two days of the season are reserved for youth hunters age 10-17 only.

For additional details on hunting regulations call your local ADF&G office. More information, including the full 2022-2023 Waterfowl Hunting Regulations (PDF) booklet can also be found online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>.

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